



Montana Library Network Catalog

Find items in Montana libraries with MLNCAT

The Montana Library Network Catalog (MLNCAT) provides an improved, easy-to-search statewide union catalog for Montana library clients

MLNCAT—Montana's new union catalog

MLNCAT is a customized union catalog¹ of the holdings of more than 250 Montana libraries. Montana libraries have already made an investment in building a collection of library records within the OCLC WorldCat database. MLNCAT, Montana's portion of WorldCat² that includes over 4 million titles, builds on this investment.

MLNCAT replaces the Montana Library Network Gateway, which has run on an MLN server since 2000. Like the Montana Library Network Gateway, MLNCAT provides one-search access to Montana catalogs and WorldCat, but features a friendlier, faster and more flexible OCLC FirstSearch interface. Additionally, MLNCAT will provide unlimited access to the collections of Montana libraries, as well as unlimited access to OCLC's resource sharing services.

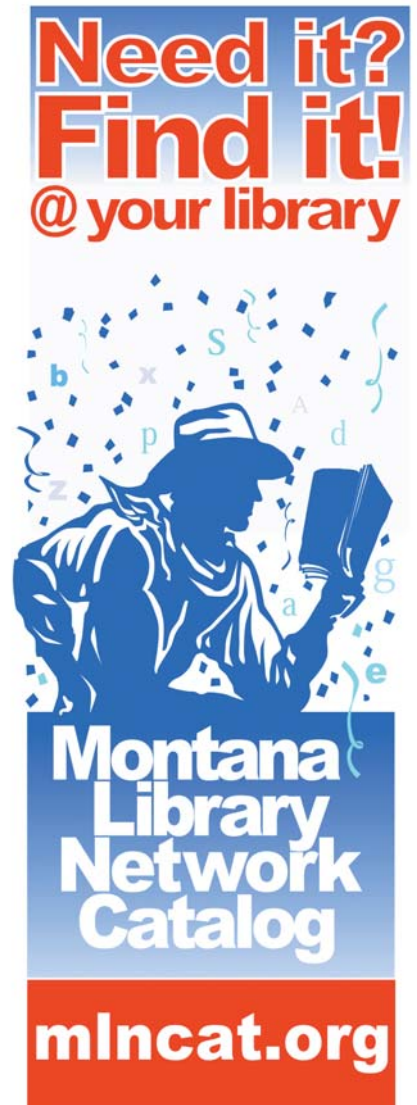
This is the advanced search screen for MLNCAT. Library clients can use the "Limit to" drop-down menu to select a group of Montana libraries.

The Montana Library Network

The Montana Library Network (MLN) is a project of the Montana State Library. MLN partners with Montana libraries to ensure the delivery of quality, standards-based, networked library materials and services to all Montanans. MLN is funded by a federal Institute of Museum and Library Services' Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

¹ A union catalog lists materials held by a group of libraries.

² WorldCat is a worldwide union catalog created and maintained collectively by more than 9,000 OCLC member libraries. WorldCat has more than 56 million records and close to a billion holdings.



Try MLNCAT at:
<http://mlncat.org>

Using MLNCAT

To search MLNCAT, library clients need an Internet connection and a Web browser. To search regional and global libraries' holdings, library clients need home-access passwords, which are available from Montana libraries or the Montana Library Network.³

MLNCAT provides your library clients with easy access to quality information through a world-class interface.

With MLNCAT, library clients can:

- Search MLNCAT and find the holdings of over 250 Montana libraries and, with an additional click, access WorldCat with its regional, national and global holdings of more than 56 million records
- View checked-in and checked-out information for items in more than 130 Montana libraries
- Limit searches geographically (Western, Central, Eastern, Hi-Line, statewide, regional or global libraries)
- Limit searches by library type (academic, public, school or special libraries)
- Choose from six interface languages, including Spanish
- Initiate interlibrary loan requests (this is each Montana library's option)

Please note that non-Montanans' view of MLNCAT is limited to Montana libraries' holdings.

With MLNCAT, Montana librarians can:

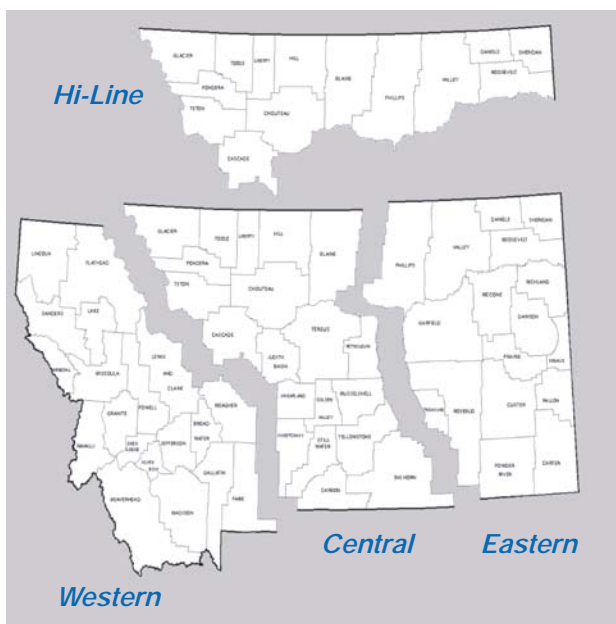
- Use a convenient interface to access the OCLC Interlibrary Loan service (OCLC ILL)
- View statistics on MLNCAT usage by group and by individual libraries

Additionally, Montana librarians can have unlimited access to OCLC cataloging services for the ongoing addition of new records to MLNCAT.

³ For home-access passwords, please visit <http://montanalibraries.org> and see "Contacts" in the lower right-hand corner.

⁴ Affordable OCLC membership is available to any Montana library, please visit: <http://montanalibraries.org/MLNOCLC/FY05/intro.htm>

MLNCAT Regions



There are four MLNCAT library regions, including the Western, Central, Eastern and Hi-Line regions.

Marketing MLNCAT

The Montana Library Network has print-ready press releases, posters, bookmarks and how-to guides to assist libraries in promoting MLNCAT.



For more information

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To learn more about OCLC Services for Groups, of which MLNCAT is an example, please visit:
www.oclc.org/groupservices/

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